

12 December 1966

Vice Admiral Fitzhugh Lee
Commandant
The National War College
Washington, D.C. 20315

Dear Admiral Lee:

Thank you for your letter of 30 November. It is always an honor to be invited to speak at the National War College but particularly so when one who has spoken there is invited to return. I accept with pleasure your invitation to speak on 20 March 1967 on "Culture and Politics in Vietnam".

So far as I am presently aware, nothing is on the horizon that would prevent my joining you on 20 March. There is, of course, always the risk of my having to be out of the country at that time. Should any such complication arise, I will contact you immediately to work out alternate arrangements.

I take this occasion to thank you again for your hospitality during my last visit at the War College and to express the hope that your holiday season is a pleasant one in every regard.

Sincerely yours,

George A. Carver, Jr.
Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

THE NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDANT

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20315



30 November 1966

Dear Mr. Carver:

It is my pleasure to extend to you a most cordial invitation to address the members of The National War College at 9:00 a. m., Monday, 20 March 1967, on the subject, "Culture and Politics in Vietnam."

Your discussion should include the history and culture of the Vietnamese people with a view toward explaining the problems of nation-building in this society today. Specifically, we would like you to cover the influences China and France have had on the political culture of the Vietnamese; the role of ethnic, religious, and regional loyalties in this society; and particularly the relationship of the nationalist movement to the Viet Cong insurgency.

Each lecture at the College is normally about fifty minutes in length and is followed by a question and answer period of approximately thirty minutes. However, if you prefer a shorter lecture with more time for questions, this is agreeable. We hope you will be able to remain with us for an additional discussion with a representative group from the class and faculty.

As you know, The National War College policy of holding all of your remarks in strictest confidence permits you to discuss your subject freely and with complete candor.

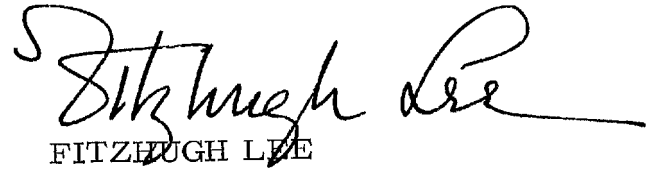
In the event you desire additional information or assistance in preparing your address, please do not hesitate to call on any of us here at the College. Dr. Frederick J. Horrigan, telephone OXford 5-8381, the Director of the Course which includes your lecture, is our faculty member most familiar with the scope and purpose of your topic. He will be available to you at any time.

Should you be able to accept this invitation, we shall communicate with you further regarding the administrative arrangements for your visit.

We hope that we shall have the pleasure of welcoming you back to The National War College on 20 March.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fitzhugh Lee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

FITZHUGH LEE
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